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For: HYDRATE OF 5-[4-[2-(N-METHYL-N-(2-PYRIDIL)AMINO-

ETHOXY]BENZYL]THIAZOLIDINE-2,4-DIONE MALEIC ACID SALT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculating filing fees and examining this application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.